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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED JUNE 27, 2000

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 18, 2000

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 27, 2000.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-13, drawn to a semiconductor device; and Group (II), Claims 14-19, drawn to a process of making a semiconductor device.

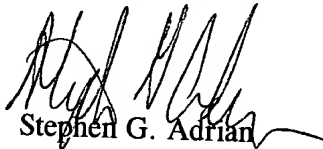
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-13, drawn to a semiconductor device, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any fees are required in connection with this response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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